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IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE: WM-6

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 ANNUAL BUDGET
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The action is to approve the Watershed Conservation Authority's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09 to continue the development and implementation of projects that enhance flood protection and water conservation while also providing open space and recreational opportunities within the San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Watersheds.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Approve the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority.
2. Authorize the Acting Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to pay \$25,500 to the Watershed Conservation Authority.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve the Watershed Conservation Authority's (WCA) annual budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09 (Exhibit A) in order to provide funding for the continuation of all WCA projects. Your Board's approval will allow the WCA to commence receipt and disbursement of funds in conformance with the adopted budget. The WCA is a joint powers agency comprised of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3) and Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) by collaborating cross jurisdictionally and developing a partnership to effectively manage and leverage our resources.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The proposed projects and other expenditures identified in the attached budget will be funded by Propositions 40, 50, and 84 grants awarded to the WCA by the RMC. Approval of the budget will enable the WCA to award State funds to projects of mutual interest to the LACFCD and RMC.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement previously approved between the LACFCD and RMC also provides for both parties to make contributions to the WCA. The value of the LACFCD's contribution shall not exceed \$25,000 in any fiscal year, plus \$500 per annum to cover the costs of mailing notices and other required expenditures. Sufficient funds to cover the LACFCD's contribution have been allocated in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Flood Control District Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 1, 2003, Synopsis 34, your Board approved a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the LACFCD and the RMC to create the WCA. Creation of the WCA was authorized pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act under Government Code, Section 6500, et. seq. The role of the WCA is to facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive program to improve open space and recreational opportunities within the San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Watersheds that are consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge, and water conservation. The WCA is also empowered to acquire and protect lands for watershed protection, conservation, natural open space, and recreational purposes.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement entered into by the LACFCD and RMC contains several terms and conditions regarding fiscal controls over expenditures of public funds. The WCA is required to adopt an annual budget in a form approved by the LACFCD and RMC. The WCA may only disburse funds pursuant to a budget that has been adopted by the WCA and approved by your Board and the governing board of the RMC.

The WCA budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09 has been approved by the governing boards of both the WCA and RMC. Copies of the RMC and WCA resolutions are attached (Resolution No. 2008-39 and Resolution 2008-51, respectively).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

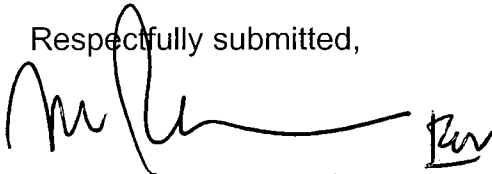
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The LACFCD will gain benefit from this action through the sustained operation of the WCA and the continued partnership with the RMC in developing projects of mutual interest. There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended actions.

CONCLUSION

Please return four adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DEAN D. EFSTATHIOU', followed by a small, stylized signature or mark.

DEAN D. EFSTATHIOU
Acting Director of Public Works

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Attachments (3)

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel

EXHIBIT A
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Final FY 2008/09 BUDGET

EXPENSES

Item Description	Code	Amount
<u>Administration</u>		
Office Supplies & Postage		\$500
Bond		\$362
Conservation Strategy Group		\$25,000
Board of Directors Insurance		\$2,500
Miscellaneous		\$6,638
<u>Administration Sub Total</u>		\$35,000
 <u>Operations</u>		
<i>El Encanto</i>		
Liability & Structure Insurance		\$8,280
Ranger Services Contract FY 08/09		\$46,722
Ranger Services Contract FY 07/08: to be billed after 6/30/08		\$11,243
Structure Maintenance		\$17,000
Professional Water Well Service		\$8,500
Trash Service		\$2,800
Utilities (Electrical, payphone)		\$8,500
<i>El Encanto Sub Total</i>		<i>\$103,045</i>
 <i>Duck Farm</i>		
Liability & Structure Insurance		\$5,970
Ranger Services Contract		\$95,296
Ranger Services Contract FY 07/08: to be billed after 6/30/08		\$17,510
Weed Abatement and Tree maintenance		\$24,000
Structure Maintenance		\$13,000
Utilities		\$1,000
Contingency		\$49,241
<i>Duck Farm Sub Total</i>		<i>\$206,017</i>
<u>Operations Sub Total</u>		\$309,062
 <u>Capital Outlay</u>		
Azusa River Wilderness Park-Theoogical Property Acquisition	RMC3615	\$1,500,000
Citrus Heights - Pico Rivera	RMC3254	\$0
Duck Farm Acq & Planning	RMC3255	\$337,783
Duck Farm Phase 1A Development	Various	\$2,603,616
Azusa River Wilderness Park Acq & Refurbishment	RMC3260	\$40,528
Azusa River Wilderness Park Relocation & Planning	RMC3596	\$327,451

Emerald Necklace-San Jose Creek	RMC3618	\$47,261
Funding Criteria	RMC3565	\$0
Green Visions	Various	\$168,776
San Gabriel River Trail Access & Improvements	RMC3248	\$187,889
South Gate Riparian Restoration Project	Various	\$639,000
Whittier Narrows Recreation Development Plan	Various	\$510,285

<u>Capital Outlay Sub Total</u>	\$6,362,589
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Total Expenses	\$6,706,651
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REVENUE

Administration

Flood Control District	\$25,000
SMMC Contribution	\$10,000

<u>Administration Sub Total</u>	\$35,000
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Operations

Citation Revenue	\$15,000
Duck Farm 08/09 Estimated Lease Revenue	\$169,798
Duck Farm Leases – 06/07 Balance	\$45,510
El Encanto 08/09 Estimated Lease Revenue	\$35,011
El Encanto Leases – 06/07 Balance	\$17,243
South Gate Riparian Project Billboard Lease- 2008 rate	\$21,500
Special Use Permits	\$5,000

<u>Operations Sub Total</u>	\$309,062
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Capital

RMC Grants	\$5,076,362
Other	\$1,286,227

<u>Capital Sub Total</u>	\$6,362,589
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,706,651
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July 31, 2008 - Item 7K

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-39

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, this action will adopt the budget proposed in the staff report, and

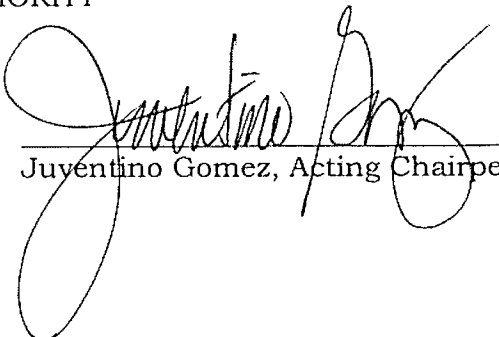
WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

Therefore be it resolved, that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the RMC.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. APPROVES the staff report dated July 28, 2008.
4. APPROVES the WCA FY 2008/09 budget.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
ON July 31, 2008.


Juventino Gomez, Acting Chairperson

ATTEST:

Not in attendance
Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

July 28, 2008, Item 8G

RESOLUTION 2008-51

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FINAL
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) is a state agency created to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The RMC must approve WCA's budget; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

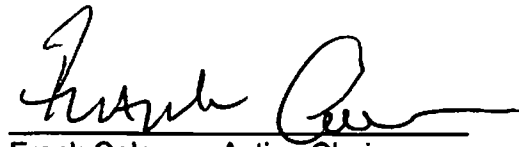
Therefore be it resolved, that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the RMC.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. APPROVES the staff report dated July 28, 2008 and the WCA FY 2008/09 budget.

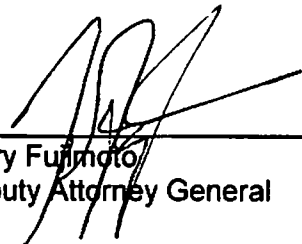
~ End of Resolution ~

July 28, 2008
Resolution 2008-51

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on July 28, 2008.


Frank Colonna, Acting Chairperson

ATTEST:


Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General